

MEETING OF THE CITY OF RUSHVILLE, INDIANA

UNSAFE HEARING BOARD

DECEMBER 2, 2014

5:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER: The Unsafe Hearing Board of the City of Rushville met on the above date and time at 270 West 15th Street, Rushville, Indiana. Mayor Pavey called the meeting to order at 5:03 p.m.

ROLL CALL: Board members, Gary Cameron, Darrin McGowan, Ron Jarman, and Dr. John Williams answered roll call.

PUBLIC HEARING: **1226 S. Baker Street** – Mayor Pavey opened the public hearing regarding 1226 South Baker Street. Chief Jenkins said he sent notice to the owners and that Mr. Mohler is present at this time. Jenkins said nothing has really changed regarding the property. Jenkins provided pictures taken November 18 and again on December 1.

The floor was then opened to Steve Mohler. Mohler stated that the property was somewhat of a mess. He apologized. He said he has been taking care of neighbor, and that he was not in good health. Mohler stated that he was under a time frame to complete the water and sewer. He questioned why the City waited until winter to bring the matter to his attention when it was just as bad in the summer months. He said he called the Mayor with an issue, but received no response. He said he also called the Street Department 3 times and received no response. He also said he had some materials set out for heavy trash but the City did not pick it up. He wanted to know why. Mohler said he expects the same services as any other tax payer. Mayor Pavey asked if the heavy trash was still there. Mohler said it was. Pavey said it will be picked up. Mohler said he is working on cleaning up the property but there are days when his health just won't allow him to do anything. Mohler apologized again. Mohler said there is an Issue with speeding in the area, but when he asked the police for assistance it takes them 2 hours to respond.

Chief Jenkins asked Mohler what kind of time period he would need. Mohler said hopefully 30 days. Jenkins asked if the vehicles ran and said they need to be licensed. Mohler said they are not licensed, but they do run. McGowan made a motion to close the public hearing. Jarman seconded the motion. The public hearing was closed.

MINUTES: Minutes of the November 18, 2014 meeting were presented for approval. McGowan made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Williams seconded the motion. Motion carried.

MAYOR'S REPORT: None.

CITIZEN CONCERNS/COMMENTS: None.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **1226 S. Baker** – Jenkins said he had no issue with allowing 30 days. Williams made a motion to allow 30 days to clean up the property with no further extensions. McGowan seconded the motion. Motion carried.
2. **127 W 7th** – Jenkins said the tree has been removed. We are waiting to get an engineer to check to see if the property is safe.
3. **115-117 West 7th** – This is part of the blight program public hearing on January 6th.
4. **215 W. 8th** – This property is also scheduled for the public hearing in January.
5. **210 N Harrison** – Jenkins will provide a definition of what is considered “cleaned up” for the Board’s review.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. **628 W. 3rd** – Jenkins said the property does not have water. The pipes have busted. The owners do not have the funds to repair. Two notices have been given. There is also an issue with high grass and weeds. We will review at the next meeting.

Jenkins asked the Board if he needs to bring all minimum housing issues before the Board. Shelly Wakefield said they only need to come before the Board if the owner does not comply.

ADJOURN: There was no further business to come before the Board; Williams made a motion to adjourn. Cameron seconded the motion. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 p.m.